

**GEORGIA BOARD OF MASSAGE THERAPY
CONFERENCE CALL MEETING
June 25, 2007**

A conference call for the Georgia Board of Massage Therapy was held on June 25, 2007, 01:00 p.m., at The Professional Licensing Boards Division offices located at 237 Coliseum Drive, Macon, Georgia.

The following members were present:

Jane H. Johnson, Chairman
Kathy V. Lescak, Vice Chairman
Melony Phillips, Cognizant
Marlene Gaskill, Consumer
Steve Earles

Absent:

Administrative Staff Present:

Brig Zimmerman, Executive Director, and Amanda Allen, Board Secretary.

Ms. Johnson established that a quorum of the Board was present and called the Board meeting to order at 1:00 p.m.

Policy Development: Board Recognized Massage Therapy Education Programs

The Board has determined that their review process of massage therapy education programs has inadvertently caused lengthy delays in the issuance of licenses during this initial “grandfathering in” period that ends June 30, 2007. In an effort to expedite the licensure process during this initial, “grandfathering in” period, the Board discussed various ideas and concerns and developed the following new “policy” of the Board:

Massage Therapy Educational Programs in the state of Georgia that have a current National Certification Board for Therapeutic Massage and Bodywork (NCBTMB) assigned school code, and, a current Georgia Nonpublic Postsecondary Education Commission (GNPEC) qualification number now are determined to meet the Georgia Massage Therapy Board established minimum requirements for a massage therapy education program in this state. The Board authorizes the issuance of licenses to those applicants whose only deficiency is the pending recognition by the Board of their Georgia massage therapy educational program.

In addition, those massage therapy education programs operating outside the state of Georgia who have a current NCBTMB assigned school code may also be recognized as meeting the Board’s minimum requirements for a massage therapy education program. The Board reserves the option of requesting any additional information deemed necessary, and, will take into consideration other accrediting agencies to assist the Board in expediting the program recognition process. This will apply ONLY TO THOSE APPLICATIONS RECEIVED BEFORE MIDNIGHT, JUNE 30, 2007.

Massage Therapy Education programs that have a current NCBTMB assigned school code and who are regulated by the University System of Georgia, Department of Education, Department of Technical and Adult Education or the Southern Association of Colleges and Schools may also be determined to have met the minimum established requirements of a board recognized massage therapy education program.

With this policy in place, the Board was able to approve sixteen (16) Massage Therapy Educational Programs located in Georgia.

Ms. Lescak moved, Ms. Phillips seconded, and the Board voted to adopt the above policy. None opposed, Motion Carried.

There being no further business to come before the Board, the meeting was adjourned at 1:21 p.m.

Minutes recorded by:

Amanda Allen, Board Secretary

Minutes reviewed and edited by:

Brig Zimmerman, Executive Director

Jane H. Johnson, Chair
Georgia State Board of Massage Therapy

Brig Zimmerman, Executive Director
Professional Licensing Boards Division

These minutes were approved and signed on: _____.